

SENATE BILL NO. 163

INTRODUCED BY J. MANGAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING INSURERS FROM DISCRIMINATING IN THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, OR CANCELLATION OF CASUALTY OR SURETY POLICIES AGAINST A PERSON HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Nondiscrimination for public officeholders. (1) An insurer offering casualty insurance, as described in 33-1-206, or surety insurance, as described in 33-1-211, may not cancel or refuse to issue or renew a policy because the policyholder or applicant for a policy holds a public office, as defined in 2-16-602.

(2) An insurer offering casualty insurance or surety insurance may not include a provision in the insurance contract limiting coverage under the contract because a policyholder or applicant for a policy holds a public office.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 33, and the provisions of Title 33 apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date -- applicability. [This act] is effective on passage and approval and applies to casualty or surety insurance policies written on or after [the effective date of this act].

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